National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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To: Federal and State Agency Administrators

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)

Subject: Area Command Teams

NMAC is requesting your support with maintaining currency of the three federally sponsored Area Command Teams (ACT). These teams are a valuable part of our large fire management organization and have been underutilized during some of our most complex incident management situations.

Currently, within federal agencies (excluding Coast Guard), there are only three fully qualified Area Commanders (ACDRs) in the system. While the Area Command course, S-620 has been delivered this year, the lack of assignments may cause loss of currency of the ACTs in 2020.

ACTs provide strategic leadership to large theaters of operation while significantly reducing the workload for agency administrators and fire management staff. Common roles of ACTs typically include facilitating Incident Management Team (IMT) transitions, in-briefings, and closeouts. Additionally, ACTs coordinate with agency administrators, fire staffs, geographic areas, and MAC groups on complexity analysis, implementation of objectives and strategies, setting priorities for the allocation of critical resources, and facilitating the effective use of resources within the area.

We are concerned perceptions exist that ACTs can be barriers to direct communications between agencies and IMTs. As agency administrator, through your delegation of authority communicating your expectations to ACDRs, you have the opportunity to determine the role in which ACTs can best serve your needs. ACTs are committed to ensuring enhanced communications between agency administrators, fire managers, and IMTs.

NMAC request the support of agency administrators to exercise current ACTs in 2019 if and when appropriate. The ACT Complexity Analysis is attached for your reference.

/s/ Dan Smith NMAC Chair

CC: Coordinating Group Advisory Council
Geographic Area Coordination Center Managers
Incident Commander Advisory Council















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AREA COMMAND (AC) COMPLEXITY INDICATORS <u>Guide for ACT Engagement</u>

** Check all that apply - Current date/time and expected over next 72-96 hours **

__Date: __

<u>ACTORS</u>			<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
 Multiple incident management organizations (IMT's of varying types) are assigned on a single 				
administrative unit or several adjoining units that can be combined into a single Area Command.				
Local resources and managers need incident management assistance for multi-jurisdictional				
incidents that may/will incur a unified command organization and/or cost share agreements;				
may be single incident with multi	-			
Response trends, and/or planning level, political, media, or public concerns are escalating from				
local to state/regional level and may rise to national levels (ex: PL's, military activation, FEMA				
and/or FMAG involvement, etc).				
	tion requirements are diverse, time-sensi	tive, and/or require		
consolidation and clarity.				
Incidents are having difficulty ach				
	management objectives and constraints ex	kist and require close		
oversight for compliance.				
Special circumstances that warrant additional management oversight and support (including				
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happening locally, etc.) are occurr				
	rating beyond scope of training/experien	_		
	Os, Agency Reps, FMOs, etc) are present/	needed: Fatigue of		
	ctor and will not improve for some time.			
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events, substantial increase of ini				
	acidents are exceeding acceptable agency	administrator and		
fire program manager span of cor				
	ative units are competing for resources: In			
	ordinating the sharing of critical resources			
	an reduce competition and facilitate more			
	s present in the thinking, planning, and op			
utilize resources and manage inci	itment to long-term strategy/planning is	warranted to better		
utilize resources and manage incr	uents.			
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ACT <u>may not</u> be required, but can be ordered if YES items are	<u>Consider</u> ordering ACT: if not, monitor indicators closely and	ACT <u>recomi</u>	ACT <u>recommended</u>	
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Incident:__









